

HIGHLIGHTS
INDIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION
MARCH 26, 2008 MEETING

1. **Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Hon. Daniel Donahue, in abstention.**
Commission Member, Bettye Lou Jerrel, presented the Certificate of Appreciation to be sent to Judge Donahue for his 12 years of service on the Indiana Public Defender Commission.
2. **Approval of Minutes from 12/12/07 Meeting.**
Approved as written.
3. **Financial Status of Public Defense Fund.**
 - (a) **Budget Flow, including 3/26/08 Requests.**
 - (b) **February 6, 2008 Memo to Chief Justice with Proposed Budget Flow and Projections.**
In FY07-08, the Fund received \$14.5 million, had a carryover balance of \$11,862.88, and spent \$14,503,374.33 (including 3/26/08 claims). The Fund has a balance of \$8,488.55.
4. **Approval of 2007 Florida Death Penalty Seminar for CR24 Requirements.**
Seminar approved.
5. **Current Defendant Lists with Costs and Reimbursement Totals on Death Penalty Cases for Trial and Sentencing.**
Defendant Lists with Costs and Reimbursement Totals on Death Penalty Appeals.
Lists available upon request.
6. **Requests for 50% Reimbursement in Capital Cases.**
Capital Claims totaling \$139,441.12 were approved. Three counties lost partial reimbursement due to claims untimely filed, and claims submitted that were not related to defense. The Commission approved the 2007 Federal Capital Defense Strategy Session held in Baltimore, Maryland for CR24 Requirement.
7. **Requests for 40% Reimbursement in Non-Capital Cases.**
Non-capital Claims for the 4th Quarter 2007 were prorated at 33.85%. Claims totaling \$3,076,776.05 were approved for payment.
8. **Status of Compliance Issues in Counties Given 90-Day Notice.**
Full Compliance or Significant Improvement should be Reported in 1st Qtr. 08.

9. Other Matters:

A. Task Force to Study Indigent Defense in Indiana.

Chairman Rutherford will contact the Chief Justice concerning this matter.

B. Indiana Public Defender Council – Larry Landis.

Mr. Landis presented a study of per-capita study indigent defense costs for all of Indiana's 92 counties.